

Proclamation

WHEREAS, established in 2011, Kids to Parks Day is a nationwide celebration of the great outdoors organized by the National Park Trust held annually on the third Saturday of May; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day attracts children across the country to enjoy outdoor recreation at parks, learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and history, and embrace their important role as the next generation of park stewards; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day is an opportunity to cultivate future generations of outdoor enthusiasts and conservationists by bringing families and kids of all ages outdoors to their parks and instilling the value and appreciation of public lands; and

WHEREAS, by participating in Kids to Parks Day, children are immersed in physical activity and encouraged to lead a more active lifestyle to combat health issues including childhood obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol; and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of Hawai'i is reflected in the 51 state parks encompassing approximately 30,000 acres on five major islands; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's parks offer outdoor recreation and heritage opportunities to learn about our unique resources, culture and history; and

WHEREAS, the public is invited to the second Kids to Parks event at the Diamond Head State Monument for a fun and educational adventure that includes nature walks, scavenger hunts and outdoor competitions;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and **I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor** of the **State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim May 18, 2019 as

"KIDS TO PARKS DAY"

at the Diamond Head State Monument in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the national importance of preserving and stewarding parks in our community, and encourage our local families to find their own adventure at their neighborhood, state and national parks.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of May 2019.

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JOSHUA B. GREEN Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

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